GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the border dispute between India and China has worsened in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether infiltration of soldiers across the borders has become quite rampant;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to end the dispute between the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) China disputes the International Boundary between India and China. There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings and diplomatic channels. The two countries have appointed Special Representatives to explore from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship the framework for a boundary settlement. There have been fourteen meetings of the Special Representatives till date. The two sides have reiterated, on many occasions, their commitment to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China border areas, pending a final settlement of the Boundary Question. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.